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League

Council,

## 66 Rebel ?? MPs · Defeated

London, Dec. 17. - Labour Party "rebels" forced a vote in the House of Commons tonight against the Government proposals to pay £40,000 annually to Princess Elizabeth and £10,000 annually to her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

to carry out their Royal duties. The Prime Ministof, Mr Clement Attlee, intervened in the lively debate to appeal for support, but the rebels refused to give way and insisted on a vote on their amendment to pay the Royal couple £10,000 annually for personal expenditure with the provision for expenditure on their Royal duties to be paid as necessary by the Trea-

They were defeated by 345 votes to 33.—Reuter

## TUC Campaign To Bring Down Prices

London, Dec. 17 .- The Gencral Council of the 8,000,000strong Trades Union Congress today unanimously accepted its "crisis" committee's economic report, which is understood to urge a nationwide campaign by organised trade unionists to bring down prices and check profiteering.

The report was prepared by the bill special committee after extensive emergency winter relief to France, enquiries into the development of Italy and Austria and \$230,000,000 gramme yesterday. Britain's wages, prices and taxes under the inflationary pressure created by the austerity shortages and after repeated consultations with Government departments.

Today's meeting of the Genera Council said that the report 'temphasised the responsibility resting upon trade unions in the present difficult circumstances of the country and also directed attention to the vital importance of maintaining price stability" by the Government

#### SUPPORT FOR BEVIN

The General Council today passer a resolution expressing its profound disappointment that the Foreign Ministers' Conference failed to reach agreement on the peace treaties with Germany and Austria.

The Council congratulated the Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, on his efforts to reach a resolution and pledged support to him and the Government in the work for the establishment of permanent peace and the economic rehabilitation of Europe.

The Council emphatically approved the Marshall plan. In a statement described Mr. Marshall's ideas a ments, if necessary, statesmanlike approach to the problems of Europe. It also conthe European position.—Reuter.

Washington, Dec. 17.—President Truman signed the interim aid bill today and \$150,000,000 became automatically available for immediate relief to France, Italy and Austria.

President Truman signed the bill without any ceremony. It was announced at the same time that he had tentatively decided to send his Marshall plan message to Congress on Friday.

It was understood that this may be put off again if Congress, due to go into recess on that day decides that it is unable to finish the work in time and had to continue until next week.

Even before President Truman | \$260,000,000 originally requested by had signed the stop-gap aid bill, the Army. emergency shiploads of American Some observers predicted that coal and grain were moving towards the Senate 'Appropriations group France as a first dividend of this would approve the bill without

supplies to be paid for with United since President Truman called States funds left east coast ports special session of Congress. If there within the past few days in anti- were any disagreement over the cipation of President Truman's final amount in the Senate, the bill

#### HOUSE APPROVES The House of Representatives

approved today the appropiations granting \$509,000,000 for American occupation costs in Germany, Japan and Korea.

The bill, approved by a comforto the Senate. Once that Chamber! approves or amends the Appropria-This is expected on Friday.

n volce vote.

An earlier of its overwhelming The largest reduction was in the motion to recommit the bill to com- to 53 percent. The Committee cut mittee. The Appropriations Act, \$137,000,000 from the army request but if the past is any guide, they Argentine plan should go hand in of marked changes in public opinion us passed, represents a reduction of for \$237,000,000 for food and relief will." \$88,000,000 in the \$597,000,000 re- in the British occupied zone of Gerlief programme for France, Italy, many and trimmed \$123,000,000 Austria and China, authorised by from food and relief estimates for Congress carller this week. the United States occupied areas

#### CHINA EXCLUDED

from the total exclusion of China from the relief funds, were made in the programmes as a result of the Appropriations Committee's re-

The bill passed today merely issued for the guidance of TUC re- reiterated the previous insistence presentatives for the Executive meet- by Congress that 150,000,000 bushels ing of the World Federation of Trade of wheat, should be retained in the Unions, the Council approved the United States at all times, at the principle of aid to Europe and expense of European grain ship-

The funds granted under Appropriation Act for American gratulated American labour on its military expenses in the bi-zone of contribution to U.S. understanding of Germany and other American occupation areas represent a cut of

amendment. It would then go to State Department officials dis- the White House for immediate that cargoes of American signature, slightly over four weeks would probably be the subject of a conference between the two Houses. \$88,000,000 CUT

The House Appropriations Comfor mittee made an \$88,000,000 cut in the emergency foreign aid pro-

The Committee also reduced from \$490,000,000 to \$230,000,000 the Army had requested for the table margin, was immediately sent government and relief in occupied this week."

While the Committee recommendleave a reserve for use in China £423. The money bill was adopted by in the event of an aid programme being begun here.

> in Germany, Japan and Koreu. QUICK ACTION

Only on Monday, Congress sent No substantial changes, apart President Truman the legislation approving the \$597,000,000 programme for help to France, Italy,

Austria and China. President Truman had called Congress into a special session on November 17 last and had asked for a sum of \$597,000,000 to help France. Italy and Austria to get through the winter and resist Communism. " The bill sent to President Truman

only gave Congressional approval for the idea of aid and set \$597,000,000 as the maximum which could be

Separate legislation was required to provide the funds. That was the bill the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee recommended today.-Reuter.

# Washington

Georges Bidnult) was understood to or not for months."

Foreign Secretary (Mr Ernest more here."-Associated Press. Bevin) talked with M. Bidnult for tion be re-formed, the Telegraph | a half-hour at the Foreign Office offered to do, everything it could this morning. They were assumed to have discussed the future of

kong genuinely needs such an The same matters were believed day that the British Government's a benevolent despot, which he is, United States."

For Coal Exports London, Dec. 17.—British coal supplies for export and for bunkers at home and abroad, are to be increased from

New Figure Ammounced

January 1 from 112,000 tons weekly to 200,000 tons weekly. Announcing this in the Commons today, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, the Minister of Fuel said that exports would be to countries participating in the conference of European economic co-operation, and to other countries subject to good return in food, raw materials or dollar savings.

Mr Gaitskell said at the same time an additional 20,000 tons weekly would be provided for domestic consumers and also 20,000 tons to increase the coke requirements of iron and steel industry.

Emphasising that he had no desire to exaggerate the importance of these developments, Mr Gaitskell reminded the Commons that exports and bunkers must be increased up to an average of 300,000 tons weekly in the coming year if Britain was to meet her commitments.—Reuter.

## Britain Increases Price Of Tin By £73 To Record £510 Per Ton

London, Dec. 17.—The Ministry of Supply announced on Tuesday night that the government today is lifting restrictions on domestic licences to buy tin and simultaneously raising the delivered price to British consumers by £73 to a record high of £510 a ton.

follow in a few days.

Prices for grain bar tin and granu-Inted tin were similarly increased. Grain bar tin was priced at £530 and granulated at £535.

The Financial Times said is learned "announcement of higher prices to be paid for bulk purchase of supplies from Malayan and Nigerian producers is likely later

The Evening News financial editor said Malayan producers problegislation will have been completed, that the \$88,000,000 reduction would £500 a ton" in place of the present

The Financial Times remarked, "It does not necessarily follow that Malayan and Nigerian producers in a press conference last night by approval by the House was the re- fund for the army government and will receive that;" the increase is for Mr Diego Luis Molinari, chief Argenjection, by 167 to 55 votes of a relief in occupied areas, amounting pure tin "for their metal, or its line delegate to the United Nations equivalent in terms of concentrates, trade conference here. He said the have received reports telling them

> specialist said the increase of £73 amid scathing denunciation of the per ton "does not fulfil the most United States for limiting the Marextravagant hopes, but the market shall plan aid to nations of Western should not be disappointed." Tin Europe despite Argentina's plea fragi statesman, who has been atshares have been firm on the London that needy nations of the western tending the Political Council of the for weeks. Prices were steady on hemisphere be included. The plea Arab League in Cairo, declared: Tuesday. Interest in today's stock was rejected when proposed by the market was centred on tin shares. Argentine delegates at the inter- to a racial Holy War that may ex-They advanced.—Associated Press.

#### U.S. NOT SURPRISED

action in raising the price of tin western hemisphere be started im- differences between Britain and was met by United States govern- mediately to coincide with the Mar- Arab nations. ment tin purchasing agencies with shall plan. He emphasised repeatedly a laconic "We knew it was coming." in the course of a 30-minute con-

controls the world tin price. What- to distribute an equivalent ever is done there must be reflected \$5,000,000,000 in loans not only to This statement referred to tin qualified nation.—United Press.

quotations by the US government Metals Reserve Corporation. It will soon be purchasing for American commercial tin users. These officials declined to say how much more American tin users would have to

They said only, "The London action will cause us to do something with our price, but we do not know | "reasonably probable" that there what." It was generally felt the would not be an atomic war "for a London action would be reflected while yet", General Andrew by a closely paralleling price in- McNaughton, the Canadian member crease here.

#### TIN CONCENTRATES

negotiating with Bolly:a for tin atomic energy for at least another concentrates. They said, "We have 10 years. not reached any agreement and did | General McNaughton, addressing not anticipate any certainty before the Canadian Club of New York, Ranking delegates of the Western Lordon tin action was officially ah- added that "it would be folly to powers maintained close Ilaison in nounced. Pending this. British waste time" in preparing defensive searching Jerusalem and the sur-throughout the world.—Associated began with the breakup of the Big sought an agreement. Just how Four conference and the abrupt de- soon an agreement will be reached parture of the Soviet Foreign now is uncertain. The Bollvians The French Foreign Minister (M. agreement may come within a week

have expressed willingness for the Government tin experts said they three Western Governments to begin are acquiring about 50,000 to 75,000 Gen. Albert Wedemeyer today million and a half Japanese troops that Chiang assured him before he over supplies. The British say Chiang Kai-shek to be the character." Such talks probably would start prices are going up. If we wish to "logical leader of China today," Asked whether he believed it mocracy. on a "working level." The British get any tin we will have to pay

Singapore, Dec. 17.-Mr II. S. Lee, organisers. We repeat this offer Germany and the possibility of Chairman of the Malayan Union

City sources predicted an increase! European companies working tin the extent of which is unknown," that killed one police sergeant and of about £70 in prices paid to Mala- dredges felt the new prices would on "those who decided to divide yan and Nigerian producers will allow them to show a margin of Palestine without taking into conprofit, but would not make it at- sideration the consequences." The new tin price of £510 iractive to re-establish unequipped

HONGRONG WELEGRAPH,

## ARGENTINA'S CHALLENGE

prepared to challenge the United believed in Cairo that a non-Arab States supremacy in the western nation on the Security Council might tions Act the interim foreign aid ed no funds for China, it is said ably will get a new price of "near hemisphere by offening its own raise the matter, and that the United "Peron Plan" of \$5,000,000,000 in Nations might then send the case to loans to needy nations of the world, The Hague International Court, especially South America.

> The dramatic offer was announced glove with the Marshall plan.

The Financial Times investments | Mr Molinari's announcement came American defence conference at Rlo tend for as long a period as the de Janeiro several months ago.

Mr Mollnari sald it was impera-These quarters said, "London ference that Argentina was prepared Latin American nations but to any

#### NO ATOMIC WAR YET, PREDICTED

New York, Dec. 17. -- It was of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission, sald here today.

The United States would maintain Metals Reserve officials are its "ascendancy" in the field of

#### CONFERENCE DECISION London, Dec. 17.—Arabs will "fight against the Palestine partition—a battle started by the United

To Fight

Nations," a communique issued after the ten-day conference of Arab League "War Council" declared tonight. "The world will see that it is impossible to defeat the Arabs by forces, whatever that force may be.

"The world will see that Arabs were asking for principles of justice and equity to be upheld and that when they resisted the adventure of Zionists they were simply seeking justice among all peoples with the object of removing all causes of dissension and trouble in the Middle East in order to secure peace."

The communique laid all re-larmoured ear from which shots sponsibility "for the troubles ahead, were thought to have been fired

A source in Cairo in close touch with the Arab League meeting today said that the fear of Communist inflitration into the Middle East formed the background to the tenday talks and the Council took important decisions, which "may spring a few surprises."

Though the Arab League has decided not to submit the Palestine Havana, Dec. 17.-Argentina is case to the Security Council, it was which might find legal grounds for invalidating the partition decision.

#### RACIAL HOLY WAR

Arab leaders are understood to in the United States in favour of Arabs and a corresponding change in the State Department's attitude

Nuri Ed Said Pasha, veteran "The Palestine partition may lead

Crusades." He denied the recent press reports Washington, Dec., 17. - British tive some sort of aid plan for the that he carried a plan to settle all

An Arab military delegation has left Cairo for Europe to purchase

arms for the defence of Palestine against partition, it was learned tonight. A senior Arab officer has also left for India on a similar Judea-a projected name for Jewish In Jerusalem tonight, three war.

detachments of steel helmeted British infantry are moving to isolated spokesman pointed out that an "in-Jewish colonies in the southern de- definite period of, conflict" with sort of Palestine, it was officially anti-partitionist Arabs was envisagreported.

the Haluter settlement. afternoon flew over the Beersheen expenditure of US\$500,000, he said. district of southern Palestine after Dr Nahum Goldman, member of unconfirmed reports of Arab Jewish the Jewish Agency Executive, as-

## POLICE SEARCH

rounding districts for a mysterious Press.

wounded another.

However, the police were not able to confirm that the shots had in fact actually been fired from the

The two sergeants were believed to be victims of the other gang-a Jewish terrorist organisation—using an armoured car which, according to Jewish sources, was stolen from Juffa by Arabs a week ago. Police headquarters have denied

that an armoured car is missing. Three Jewish settlement police and one gentile were wounded when Arabs attacked three Jewish settlements in the Negev area.

The Arab attacks on the settlements which are in the desert area in southern Palestine, were launched at intervals. The Halutza settlement sent out nn S.O.S. for reinforcements, according to reports from a Jewish source, who claimed that three Jewish settlement police, rushing to the Halutza settlers' ald were shot and reported to be killed.

The attack on these policemen was said\_to\_have\_been\_made\_by\_Camel Corps marksmen of the Palestine

police announcement said simply: "It is believed that the Camel Corps had been in action." A Baghdad report says that evening papers last night declared that it was "confirmed by reliable quarters" that the Iraq army is now ready to join the Arab armies for the Palestine battle. Unconfirmed reports say that

150,000 armed men are awaiting the signal to march.—Reuter.

## PLANS FOR JUDEA

London, Dec. 18 .- A Jewish Ageney leader said today that plans for Palestine-would provide for Swisslike neutrality in any possible World

At the same time, another Jewish ed for the new state, and to meet One detachment was going to that threat any army of at least 10,000 would have to be maintained. Royal Air Force planes this it would mean an initial weekly clatches. Two Jews were wounded serted in an interview that Jewish today when Arab sulpers opened legal experts, now working on the fire on one of the most southerly draft constitution for the Jewish Jewish settlements in Palestine .- nation, has included a neutrality clause aimed at promoting "friendliness for all, enmity towards none." He explained that perpetual Jerusalem,. December 17.—The be justified on grounds that millions neutrality for the new country would

# algn now is uncertain. The Bollvians of the large of the

Washington, Dec. 17.—Lt. | Pacific War, thereby releasing "a The General told the Committee

and urged the United States to urgent that the United States send nid China commensurate with its ability to help and China's ability to use the nid effectively. In and deserves our aid. China leaned the said China and the said China leaned leaned the said China leaned l over backward to keep his agree- attitude and the achievement of Gen. Wedemeyer said, "I do not ments with us. If I were he I would economic stability. General Wedebecause we believe that Hong- | uniting the three occupation zones. | Chinese Chamber of Mines, said to- think it matters whether Chiang is be extremely impatient with the meyer refused to make public, the

the price at that level. .... able terms" during the height of the light equipment.

negotiations soon in Washington with a view to fusing the French zone of Germany into the Anglo- important users but have no control (Phiene Wallshall 4. L. A. L. He would attempt to establish de-

Association. We also believe to have been reviewed by Mr Bevin newly announced increase in the or a democratic leader. The most Wedemeyer said the bulk of dent. He said that President Truman there are sufficient numbers of with Mr John Foster Dulles (ad selling price of tin from £437 to important, thing is he constantly military supplies which the United Instructed him to maintain security viser to Mr Marshall) and Sir £510 a ton was "grossly inadequate." opposes the Communists." He said States are liquidating in the Pacific regarding the report and would be to come forward and resuscitate | Hartley | Shawcross | (Attorney | He doubted whether the present Chiang could have made peace with areas could not be used by China committee in-General) at luncheon in the House production could be maintained with the Japanese "under very favour- since the Chinese Army requires sisted on learning the details.

# **EDITORIAL**

## A Suggestion Repeated

CEVERAL months ago we suggested that members of the prewar Hongkong Automobile Association should revive that orgaulsation to meet new needs Colony's the created by fast-increasing private traffic. Nothing has so far been done in the matter, but there is reason to helieve a sufficient number of former members of the HKAA have now returned to Hongkons to make the proposition practical. More than 10,000 licensed vehicles are making daily use of the Colony's roads, and traffic problems, especially on the island's congested main streets, have assumed perplexing proportions. The trame authorities and their advisory committee are rightly expected to resolve these problems, but they could be materially assisted by the interest, advice, and suggestions of a competent Automobile Association, Many useful functions could be performed by such a body. Inspectors could patrol public parking spaces, thus affording protection to cars otherwise exposed to the quick fingers of petty pilferers. As it did in its first state, the Association could compile registers of qualified chauffcurs and members who require them. Before the ...war the Association not only tested

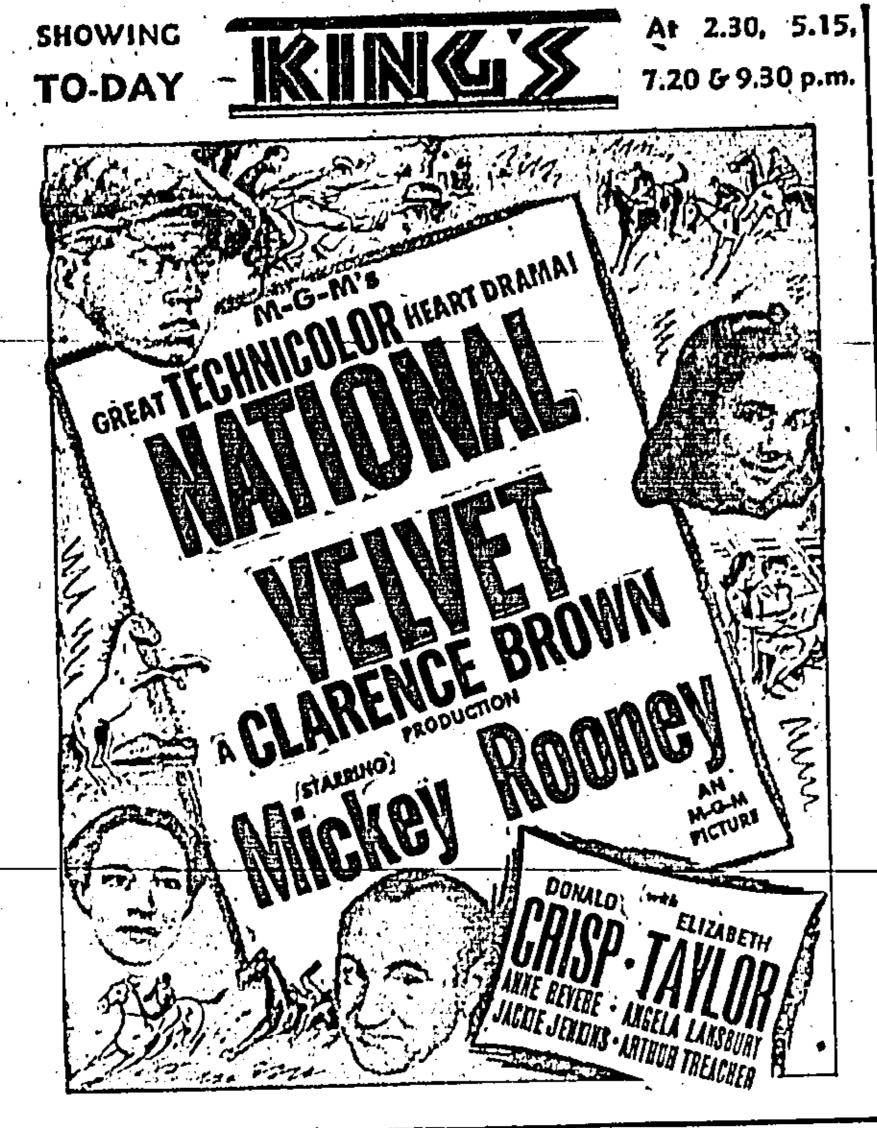
the efficiency of chauffeurs seeking employment, but set standard rates of pay agreeable to workers and employers allke. An Automobile Association could also help the public and drivers by giving members who needed it instruction in the rules and manners of the highways. The Assoclation could be of inestimable value to the police in their "Safe-" ty First" campaigns, and could also give the traffic authorities guidance in the matter of road improvements for the mutual benefit of drivers and pedestrians. The functions of an Automobile Association would be to render every assistance to members, such as protection for parked cars and where possible technical aid in the event of breakdowns, and also to cooperate with the Authorities in reducing road accident risks by the insistence of a high degree of driving competence by its members. When we first advanced the suggestion that the Hongkong Automobile Associa-In a practical way to assist the

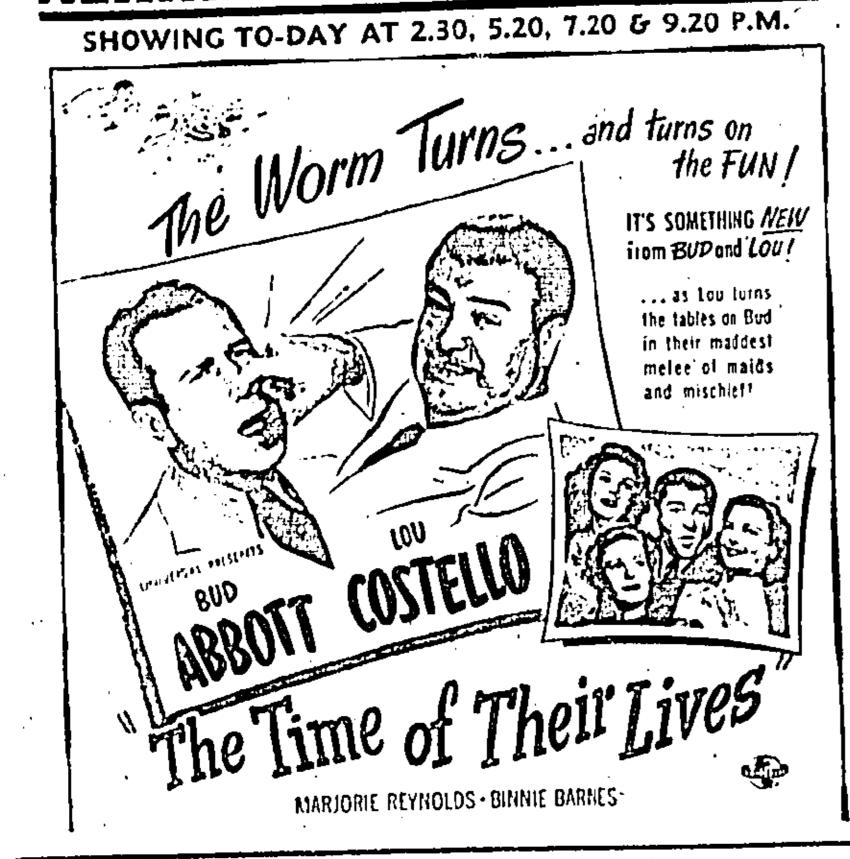
# Big Three May Meet In

London, Dec. 17 .- The possibility of an American-British-French conference in Washington soon to merge the Western occupation zones of Germany was reported today.

Minister for Moscow,

of Commons.--United Press.





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SECRETS"?

RALPH RICHARDSON

- COMMENCING FRIDAY ----'TARZAN and HUNTRESS" Starring JOHNNY - WEISSMULLER



PARIS, Dec. L FRENCH politician I know has put what he calls a "yeilleuse" on his bedside table—a tiny electric night-lamp, showing a faint blue light. And although he is not an extravagant man or prone to seeing things in the dark, he keeps that lamp on all night.

"That way," he says, "I know what is happening as soon as I open my eyes. If the light is on, I can go to sleep again. But if I find it is out, I shall get dressed at once and leave the house.

"For if the light goes out that means that the Communists have called out the power station, and that means the Government will have to put soldiers in to work the power station.

"The Communists are bound to resist that, and voila, we have open civil war. If there is civil war I do not want to be caught at home in my bed."

Now, I believe my nervous politician-friend-is-taking a somewhat over-dramatic view of the situation. Nevertheless, I, too, have taken to switching on the lights at odd hours of the night ever since the Government put its new decrees before the Chamber of Deputies and the Communists started their filibuster against them.

For though I do not anticipate any shooting or civil war. I am convinced these next days are going to be of

decisive significance in the battle now being fought out in France, as it is being fought out in Italy.

And the outcome of that battlethe same old battle between the Communists and the Westerners led by the Americans-is of vital importance to you and me and all of us who, for better or for worse, depend for much of our bread and butter on the prosperity of the Western World.

On or off—the lights will show which way things are going. They will help to reven!-Whether the Communist hold

over organised labour is strong enough for them to defy the Government and. carry on in France the campnign against Western capitalist democracy. It will show whether they can undermine the power;

parties most heavily defeated in the recent municipal electric Communist leader Thorez, returning the recent municipal electric terms by the first term to Moseow

General de Gaulle, victor of cally sent to meet him. the municipal elections.

#### Pay question

us a good idea of how the battle is locomotive sheds. going to turn out, although it is not actually going to be the end of the

end, whether they were paid by the I do not strike." week, the fortnight, or the month.

Some categories of workers, like strike is against France." the post-office clerks, civil servants. Both men said they had and teachers, who are paid by the struck off their union lists. month, may have hesitated up to now that did not worry them. Communist bosses because they did necessary for a man to belong not want to lose their month's a union to work." wages. Now they have got them and they are free to strike-if they want to.

If they do not strike, that means the Communists have lost their hold over this important class.

Secondly, the new Prime Minister, hard-mouthed Robert Schuman, whom the Communists call a Prussian and a Boche because he was born in Alsace, is gambling on the success of the highly controversial anti-strike laws he is rushing through Parliament.

Schuman and his supporters hope that these laws will cause the return of a large number of workers who joined the strike only because they were afraid of the Communists.

#### Their rights

IT is possible, however, that the Communist offensive will turn into about fourpence a dozen. new accrees will have the oppose a Dig Community Leavest believe I could be getting as much said one radery, for that him man general, and talk of need for site effect. They are so general. They are in a difficult dilemma, as sixpence a dozen if my was in a vile temper. "Who?" askthat, they appear to make all strikes and must decide between, two publishers had only taken care to ed the secretary. "Who what?" be labby correspondents illegal. Many workers who were courses:—

hitherto lukewarm in supporting WHETHER to risk all in carrying initials wrong or with a misplaced thand,"

what they held to be a political on the strikes and facing the what they held to be a political on the strikes and facing the comma on the fly-leaf. strike organised at the bidding of Government forces here and now in the Cominform organisation may the bitter cold weather and join it now in order to defend their elementary right to strike.

**NANCY** 

NANCY--ARENT

YOUR ROOM?

THESE THE

PICTURES THAT

WERE IN-



In that case it will depend on how effectively and how tactfully the wait for the effect of the Govern-Government uses its new powers and

Certainly up to the present sup- later. country with strike after strike, and port of the strike seems to have create a revolutionary situation in been far from complete and far which they might themselves seize from enthusiastic. And that despite the fact that the people asked to

tions—has enough, authority ing by rail from his trip to Moscow. and is strong enough to light yesterday, must have been disgustthe Communists and restore stabi- ed when he arrived at the French

means the only train still running. The coalition, made up of all and the number of railway workers parties with differing ideas and inreturning to work has been steadily terests, will break up, and then, de the gods weep. TWO things make me believe that increasing, as the police remove Gaulle thinks, the country will have this coming week ought to give Communist sit-down groups from the to turn to him.

At the St Lazare station I talked to milway workers who were carrying on. The first man, a Gaulle will be in by Christmas. In the first place, everyone work- station porter, said: "I cannot afford ing here had a pay day this week- to strike, I need the pay, therefore

The driver and mate of an electhe unions do not distribute strike trie train which had just come in this is a purely political strike. The

to obey the strike orders of their France," said the driver, "it is not

#### Not secret

T. HAD a drink in a large cafe. Meanwhile the people of Wag-I near the big Renault motor- gling Parva, staring over the roped car factory, which is a nationalised enclosure, can see the great black concern.

"The strike goes on," said a man stanchlons set in concrete, in a leather coat, "It was decided pointing its blunt nozzle at the sky, by a show of hands." "How would it be." I asked him. lunar air. The Doctor will be ac-

companied by Professor Dender-"If there was a secret ballot?" "Two-thirds would vote against." gast, the eminent nuthority on thau-"Well, why don't they just go maturgies from Basingstoke University, Mr Ray Hoplite, lecturer in Not much progress to report back to work?" I asked.

"The Communists have occupied automatic metaphysics at the he works."

"Would you be pleased if the Colorado Springs Institute, Sir ArColorado Springs Institut Government sent troops or military Professor Alban Trowte, represent- And in came That Thecretary. "In

to remove them?" "Yes, we want to get back to First editions work. This is really just a politi- THE fuss about first editions has Thedulth?" repeated the cal strike." There it was, the same I always amused me. First "Yes," snarled Suct, Tes, it looks as though the big ceedingly rare already, and worth thammer," replied the secretary communist offensive will turn into phrase again.

believe I could be getting as much sald Suet rudely, for that mild man

risk A nasty occurrence the DEFERRING to my conviction that Golightly, frowning left the room even greater unpopularity for K small politicians on holiday on tiptoe. Communists: or

ment's anti-strike decrees to penethe troops it is hurrledly mobilis- trate the consciousness of the this. "worker" while preserving the Communist forces for further action

OH, GOOD! ALL READY TO FIGHT THE ARABS, EH?"

"NO\_ALL READY TO FIGHT PEOPLE WHO WANT ME

PALESTINE DAY AT THE U.N.

TO FIGHT THE ARABS "

#### De Gaulle?

sion to abandon the fight. Would sorely tried British soldiers. this victory for Schuman, if it comes, upset de Gaulle?

Whether the only alternative to feetly well have proceeded to Paris to Communist dictatorship is the semi-Authoritarian General de Gaulle, victor of cally sent to meet him.

Their leader calculates that even if Schuman triumphs now it will not be long before the old weakness of the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unblate dictatorship is the car which had been optimistically and the present regime unb with important Gaullists I think not unfortunate situation would not M. Thorez' express is by no policy, asserts itself once more.

despite his counter-measures, de gory.

I prefer not to make a guess. Let stays on or not.

the great attempt to reach the

monster, balanced between huge

as though it already sniffed

stratosphere.

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

HE Strabismus Rocket should be thrown back into the

moon. The Doctor is awaiting To prevent fish rotting on the

final weather reports from the quays, fishermen threw back large

stands almost (ready for sea, my representative on the East)

# AND OUT OF PARLIAMENT

By ERNEST THURTLE, M.P.

THERE is considerable disnouncement that the withdrawal hearted leadership must incline of British troops from Palestine will not be completed before August next.

WHETHER to climb down now, Government had decided upon Labour, and his indignant local withdrawal much sooner than party invites him to resign.

dict, change to indignation if, Left of his party. after all, withdrawal is so delayed that the task of keeping the peace while an unpopular Whether the Government— strike are suffering extreme hardthough based on the two ship.

We have already made their decithough based on the two ship.

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> There are on record many From the conversations I have had official assurances that such an

> > GOOD man struggling with

Mr Clem Davies, the sincere and able leader of the Liberal His friends say that if the Com-munists defeat Schuman this time Parliamentary Party, must Mr Ancurin Bevan, in moving

mayor, who superintended the work,

was just in time to rescue a politi-

wards discovered that the politician

had gone bad some months ago, and

was so rotten that many fish had cut

Nathionalithathion

"Neither of us ever, understands,"

said Miss Golightly.

him on the quay.

But when morale cracks and appointment at the an-defections begin, even stout-

By Low

Some desert to the Right, Earlier official statements had some to the Left. Mr Tom created the impression that the Horabin has come over to

Perhaps his change is not sur-Disappointment will, I pre- prising, for he was always to the

But rumour has it (I know the jade has a habit of lying) that someone with a famous Liberal name is likely to follow in the Horabin footsteps.

Should that happen "Ichabod" might indeed be scrawled across the drooping banners of a once-great political party.

adversity is said to make

TT was good to be in a peaceful House of Commons the other evening when the second reading of the National Public Assistance Bill passed without a division.

by a successful general strike, surely come within this cate- this measure, in a speech which for him was restrained yet quietly. ----It-is-hard-enough-to-lead-a-exultant,--was-in-effect--conducting... party in a forlorn fight when the burial service of the old Poor and whether my friend's night-light it is united and its spirits are 'Law, born three centuries ago' in Elizabethan England.

> It says much for the way the social conscience of the country has changed that no dissentlent voice was raised against the proposal.

In the course of the years much hus been done to soften the harshness of the old law, and many worthy people within living memory, but no longer with us, quantities, the other day. The worked hard in that cause.

One listened and felt a certain cian from a pile of fish. Asked how regret that fate had not permitted he recognised him among the fish, these people, such as the Webbs and the mayor said: "He was the only! George Lansbury, to see their laone wearing a hat." It was after- | bours brought to final fruition.

DARTY reaction to the Dalton

affair confirms my belief that the ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer will be back in the Government before many months have passed. The feeling that he is too good

sald Suet, "what have you in our a man to lose from the Ministerial , of team is as strong as the sympathy girl. | felt for him personally, and that "and don't is saying much.

One by-product of the incident In the Labour ranks is a feeling of resentment, against the Press in

I do not believe that anything that has yet happened establishes a groaned. Suct. "That's why this case for such repressive action, and place is like a madhouse." Miss take the view that the good sense of the House will be against it.

By Ernie Bushmiller







This Space Every Day

BEAUTY ARTS By LOIS LEEDS



A Prediction-which should be read by every woman. PREDICTION

said Renie, designer of R. K. O .-- not becoming to your type, find a and firmly. "Dresses are longer sense, Style Sense! now". So there you have it! And To be, a designer always means they are! And when the dresses hard work and lots of it and she are a bit longed you look "funny" if has to talk to the stars about the you don't drop yours.

Renic is a charming, young American designer, a product of the U.S.A., and she does an outstanding and artistic job. Styles in the movies are Predictions. They set the pace and a designer just has to be right. She designs for the movies, yes, but she is also giving ideas to the audlence!

Renie was wearing her skirt longer. Not very much, but definitely longer than many of the women at the luncheon. Her Beige suit was topped by a "longer" jacket. A Belge hat and blouse harmonised with her Golden accessorles.

If you have Beautiful Legs. don't keep on wearing the short skirt. Your legs will look just as beautiful with that added inch or i so of skirt length. It's just a new look now and you'll want that look. So, let down your skirts!



When you are in a hurry and your hair "looks a mess", dampen it with cologne and roll up the ends on soft wire curlers. Cleanse your face with cream and remove with tissues. Let that be your base. A touch of cream rouge, powder well. brush it smooth. A touch to lips, a touch to even-nud there you are!

## Posed by Renie for Lois Leeds.

Renie advocates the Up Hairdo, | corrings and massed jewellery at the "Dresses are longer now!" So throat, IF it is becoming. If this is Radio Studies. She said it quietly style for YOU. And that makes

longer shirt before they want it, just like you and you. "But there is a cycle in fashion," says Renie, "which turns to Longer Skirtsand it's NOW!" So, don't say that we didn't tell you!

## **CHRISTMAS** REMINDERS

WITHEN one thinks of the hundreds

However, every good housewife ly happens that she forgets some- is slight necessity for the existence thing which upsets things rather of the "King's Reporter." But the a few hints about the things you of its traditions and reluctant to may forget if you are not very care- allow them to die.

Be sure you have plenty of condensed milk-both sweet and unsweetened—in the house as well as some tinned or bottled cream. Do not get too much bread in.

People out less bread at Christmas time than any other time in the year. Average your usual supply, and allow about two loaves extraprayely trying to eat stale bread for i the next fortnight.

not a posteard or telephone call to apeaking at Liverpool University. the company will soon put matters right. Remember that the earlier molten material would have cascaded , you can get your cooking done on down into the interior of the Christmas Day, the easier it will be building, spread fire and would have

Get all the cooking you can done Museum's libraries. on Christmas Eve, to leave the oven free for the turkey. Do make sure damage," he stated. "The Bomb that you have a pan big enough for leasing alone penetrated the roof,

the turkey. prettiest lampshades and see that burnt itself out."

Have plenty of stamps, sealingwax, spare greeting cards and small

#### SIDE GLANCES

Galbraith



"You can put me down for a 1948 model, but I won't turn this one in, brother-I'm not taking any chances on a .ngw one breaking down!"

# Mona Lisa's Return Brings Him Joy

BY JAMES McGLINCY

Paris-The little man who wouldn't tell his name was happy-Mona Lisa had come home. "For twenty years we've lived together," he said.

He looked at Mona and smiled and she smiled back at him, with that queer, questioning personal smile she,

## THE KING'S REPORTER IN COMMONS

The recent appointment of friend. Mr Ernest Popplewell, Member for Newcastle West in the As Vice-Chamberlain, it is Mr like that." Popplewell's duty to act as personal "reporter" to King George VI in the House of Commons was in hiding. The Louvre was and it is his duty, after each closed. The little man had a fightsitting, to write a brief account ing job to do. of the day's proceedings and or telegraph to His Majesty.

This custom dates from the reign of George III, and arises from the fact that the Sovereign is the only person in the whole world who is not allowed to listen to a Commons foot in the House was Charles I, of France. and his visit precipitated a chain of events that cost him his head.

#### Disraeli's News Sense

has preserved these nightly reports i for more than 150 years, and they "news sense."

The report is usually written in the early hours of the morning, and Woof little things which the box to find in it not only the report, felt. Nor did the other guards, average house-wife has to remem- but a pipe and tobacco left thereber, we can readily forgive and accidentally by Lord Randolph understand if she forgets occasional- Churchill, father of Mr Winston of the serene lady. Churchill.

Today, with Hansard's verbatim hates forgetting things, for it usual- | reports and newspaper reports, there | badly—as well as herself! Here are House of Commons is always jealous

#### Copper Saved The Museum's -Dome

The copper covering the British and show about two loaves extra; second largest dome in the world—figure—criticism which threatened I saved the roof from worse damage when an oil bomb fell on it during la raid in 1941. This was disclosed Make certain that your gas by E. Carr, building engineer to the cooker is in perfect order. If it is Copper Development Association, He said that had the roof melted, caused irreparable losses to the

"The dome escaped with very little and oil ejected from the casing pay. A citizen, of the little Bohemian

there are one or two spare bulbs in Recent inspection of the dome and needed some "freshening up." the house in case of accidents over showed that, although it had been . Without consulting the holidays—especially if table- exposed to weather for 90 years the authorities, the lady had the statue tennis or ping-pong figures on your condition of the copper was remark- covered with bright paint. However, many nearly doubled in October,

### Check Your Knowledge

1. What is the meaning of the expression "between Scylla and Charybdis"?

rattle?

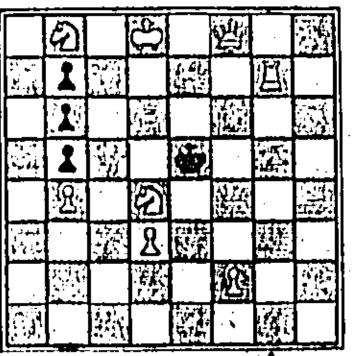
2. What does the square on the hypothenuse equal? Can you fell a rattlesnake's age by the number of joints in its

4. What name is given to a painting done on a wall? 5. Who was Charles Lutwidge Dodgson? 6. Which falls more quickly, a

heavy or a light object? (Answers on Page 4)

#### CHESS PROBLEM

Black 4 pieces.



White, 8 pieces. White to play and mate in two. Solution to yesterday's problem: 6-R1; 1 ... Kt others; 2, Q-K1

"Now she is back where she belongs in her old place, in the place where I've always known

He were a blue uniform like all the guards at the Louvre, with a little row of service ribbons from the war. But he wasn't like the other guards, no matter what he wore. He was Mona Lisa's boy

#### Perhaps It's Music "Yes, I love her," he said, "That House of Commons, as Vice- tronic smile. For 20 years I have Chamberlain of the Royal watched that smile. But I never Household, recalls an ancient understand it. I think perhaps she traditional custom in Britain. is listening to music and it brings the memories and so she—smiles—

During the war the little man

When the war ended, they came convey it by personal messenger | tack. But Mona Lisa was stuck in a corner, leaning against the wall. Then finally they put her back on her throne-the spot of honour in the Italian room.

The little man looked at a painting hanging on the opposite wall, a debate. The last Sovereign who set Titian portrait of Francis I, king

#### Rival On Wall

"He loves her, too," he said. His The library at Buckingham Palace | eyes twinkled. "All the time they |

Actually there was a historical form a fascinating record of British basis for his statement, for it was politics. The styles adopted by dif- Francis I who bought the Mona chroniclers have differed Lisa for France from Leonardo da widely. Disraeli was in turn witty, Vinci toward the end of the artist's malicious and canny, and his re- life. Francis was only one of milports show that he had a keen lions of men who have fallen for the mysterious smile. The little man said he was mar-

ried and had grandchildren. No, on one occasion Queen Victoria was his wife wasn't jealous of the smilastonished on opening her despatch ing lady. She didn't know how he "Nobody knows except her," he

said, nodding toward the portrait

#### MEMORIAL TO ROOSEVELT

London's Grosvenor Square has been reclaimed as Britain's memorial to Franklin D. Roosevelt. Landscape architecture and gardening will be virtually completed

by Christmas, and the memorial setting will then await only the 10-foot bronze figure of the late President. Controversy over whether the to delay the memorial—has been

forgotten. The dedication will take place as planned, on April 12, third anniversary of the President's death. -Associated Press.

## She Rejuvenated The Angel

Good intentions do not alway: Test all your electric fittings, to poured flaming down the dome into spa of Lazne. Belohrad discovered ree they are in order. Get out your the deep 'mow gallery' where it this recently, when she decided that the market square was looking drab the local custodian of historic became a danger to livestock, and monuments ruled that the "rejuvena- Singapore. Exports rose from tion" was "unsuitable" and ordered Straits \$1,207,302" in September to the lady to wash off the paint .- \$2,356,826 in October. Rubber was Associated Press.

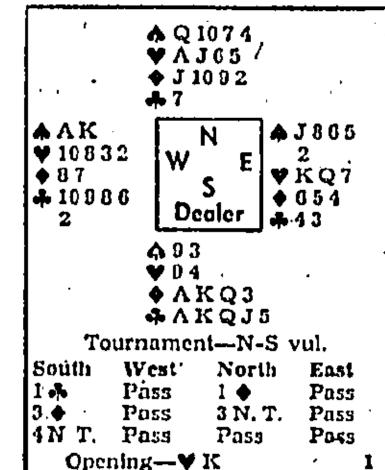


## • McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Seeing Four Hands -Changes--Outlook--

By WILLIAM E. McKENNEY

UITE often it is difficult to foltow the reasoning in the bidding and play of a hand by reading about it in a bridge column, because of the lack of the personal touch that there is at the table. Today's hand, from the recent world championship knockout team of-four match, brings out this



The bidding was exactly the same at both tables up to the three no trump bid. At one table the South player felt that the hand was close to a slam contract, so, over three no trump he bid four no trump, which he would have had no trouble to make if he had a breek in the club suit.

At the other table South passed the three no trump bid and as a result, scored 600 points on the board. This meant that his team picked up 700 points on the hand.

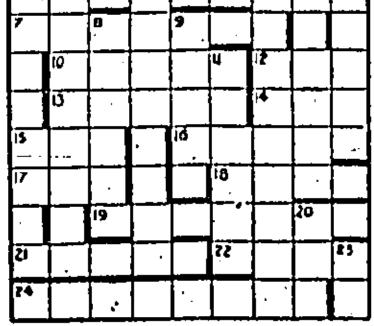
Oddly enough, the same opening lead was made at both tables, the Museum's reading room roof—the statue would be a seated or standing king of hearts. Neither declarer won the first trick, and East shifted to a spade, which held the contract to three no trump.

> Looking at all four hands, one never would get the thought of bidding a slam. But South, with his two solid suits, thought there would be no harm in trying the Blackwood four no trump bid, and with any normal break four no trump should be easy to make. Unfortunate distribution- set the contract one trick.

#### Malayan Exports To Germany

Trade between Malaya and Gerthe chief item.—Associated Press.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Limb 1 fear, (anag.). (9) No foreign bi-valves these, (7) 10 Misanthrops. (5) 12 Phis innds round Birmingham

in it wouldn't be much of a debate unless you did. (5) norning it's abreast. (3) to it's a long time. (3)

They may be found in tairs. (5) 18. Noon.

This entity is of no importance.

(3)
19. A musical performer in relation to his sense of time. (7)
21. See 1 Down.
22. Denudes of strength. (4)
24. It is usually rested after a chukka. (4. 4)

1 and 21. Olden days. (7, 5)
2. Edible, but children look upon it in the raw as a hollow stick. (8)
3. To linger that is to say feminine undercover. (8)
4. He claims his man was the last of the Imams. (9)
5. 2 Down when cooked is this. (6)
6. They can be taken on four legs or four wheel (8)
8. Despot. (6)
9. A thin ribbon crossing the field in any direction. (5)
11. More than relieves, stope in fact.

11, More than relieves, stops in fact.

20. Take a peep at this person. (8) Bolution of yesterday's purals.—Associated. Maple tree; S. Obtain; B. Pre; S. Banction; II. Dearth; IS. Prestwick; 17. Lance; IO. Coat; 20. Tope; SI. Yawn; 23. Inert; 23. Lit. Down; I. Monoplane; S. Abstract; S. Landscape; 4. Eyot; S. Tame; 7. Ice; IO. Tawdry; 12. Ritual; 14. Tote; 15. Chow; 16. Keen; 18. Noon.

## Rupert and the Three Guides-52



Once again the three Guides push Rupert up into the gipsy's tree, where he finds the King Squirrel waiting for him. At once he gives a happy cry. Beryl was right. the calls. There it is in your crown. It's Gaffer large's tiepin l Oh, please give it back to me." The tiny king looks dismayed. "But what am I to do?" he says. "A king must have a jewel in his crown!" Rupert thinks quickly.
"I'll get you a better one." he promises. "I'll have it here in half an hour." ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

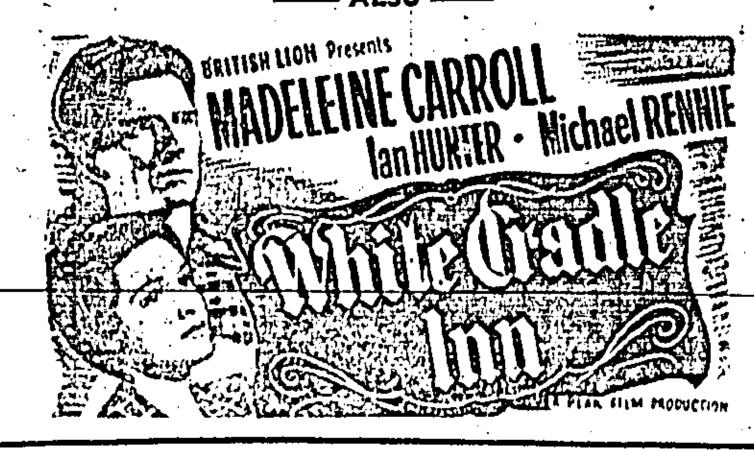


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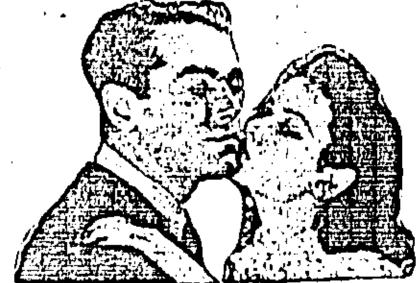
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- FIRST EPISODE -





#### Bulgarian Army "Disquieting"

London, Dec. 17 .- The present size of the Bulgarian Army was "disquicting," Mr Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, stated in Parliament today.

The militia numbered up to 100,000 ments will be received up till 4.80

Mr Bevin, who was answering a Parliamentary question, said that the peace treaty limited Bulgaria's asked for details of the present army to 55,000 men, and the strength but had not been furnished Bulgarian Government had been them.—Router.

# ADVERTISERS

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### Christmas At Palace

London, Dec. 17. ---Christmas festivities began at Buckingham Palace today when the King and Queen spent an hour listening to carols sung by the choir of

the Chapel Royal, St James. The King handed autographed bibles to the choir

The royal servants had a Christmas dinner with roast turkey and champagne at Eton tonight, and held their annual staff dance which the King and Queen, together with Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, attended.---Reuter.

## New Slant In Russian Propaganda |

Washington, Dec. 17. — Government intelligence experts today reported a shift in Rus-Soviet Union as the protector of both Jews and Arabs against American and British "imperialism."

These experts analysed the trend as an effort by the Russians to lay the groundwork for a toe-hold in Palestine, which will be used as Communist springboard for infiltration into the oil-rich Middle East. Russian propagandists were said to have ignored or played down the United Nations decision on Palestine's partition until about a week ago. Then Moscow Radio and the Communist press began a campaign

political capital out of the move. Official intelligence studies made available said the Russians in the last few days have emphasised that the Soviet Union "has no material or other interests in Palestine whatsoever," and declared that the Soviet Union "defends the rights of both Arabs and Jews" and asserted, "there is no guarantee that the Anglo-American imperialist circles

apparently directed at making future

decision in good faith." Diplomatic officials said Russian interest in the Middle East was far from academic. Russia's known oil reserves are estimated at about 6,000,000,000 barrels, compared with an estimated untapped reserve in the committee." The Interior Ministry where, another meeting should be Middle East of nearly 30,000,000,000 said the occupation ended after the held. To keep the Big Four talking, barrels, mainly held by American government threatened to use force to keep up the slender bridges that and British interests.—United Press.

## TITO VISITS RUMANIA

Belgrade, Dec. 17 .- Marshall Josip Tito. Yugoslav Premier, who-left-Belgrade-last-night-at the head of a government delegation to Rumania, may seek another mutual aid pact to add to those he personally negotiated with Hungary and Bulgaria. Yugoslavia already has a cultural

With Marshal Tito travelled his Minister of the Interior, the Minister of Finance and the Foreign Minister. Giovannucci. The vote was 246 to They are expected to remain in 140 .- Associated Press, Rumania for three days.

This move towards the consolidation of the Balkans followed the STALIN RETURNS signing of a friendship pact yesterday between Bulgaria and Albania at Plovdiv. 70 miles southeast of

At this ceremony the Bulgarian Premier predicted "a common democratic front against imperialism the Balkan countries." though, he said, the absence of democratic Greece left a gap in the Balkan democratic front.--Reuter.

#### **EX-INTERNEE ON** TRIAL

Amsterdam, Dec. 17,-The trial opens here in a special court next Saturday of 48-year-old Mrs Hermine Bouffaer-Kollewijn, accused of betraying fellow inmates of the "Tjidens" internment camp in the Netherlands East Indies, where 10,000 European women lived during the Japanese occupation.

informed on women breaking camp Ministers' special deputies on Austria The accused is alleged to have rules, with result that they were decided tonight to postpone the shorn and beaten on the orders of Captain Honel, Japanese camp commander, who has since been executed as a war criminal.

After the Japanese capitulation. most of the women were repatriated to Holland, including Mrs Bouffaer-Kollewijn and a Mrs Tolhock- the various delegations will have had Mallepaard, who will act as a a chance to clarify their points of Crown witness.-Reuter.

#### Wallace May Run For Presidency

New York, Dec. 17.-- A movement to nominate Mr Henry Wallace, the Vice-President under President Roosevelt, as a candidate for the Presidency in the elections next year on an independent third party is threatened unless a settlement is loped on the ship, which arrived this at present is on strike for back pay. platform was launched today by the reached on miners' pensions and morning. Progressive Citizens of America, a other claims which employers cal- Dr E. W. Norris, chief quarantine Leftwing group which has strongly culate would cost about \$240,000,000 officer for the port, said passengers. supported Mr Wallace's criticism of per year. American foreign policy.

ed, it is expected that President leader of the United Mineworkers, San Francisco health authorities and Truman's chances of re-election will who is claiming pensions for all advised to restrict their movements Molatov arrived back in Moscowbe endangered because of a possible miners at the age of 60 after 20 for the period of incubation of the this afternoon from the Foreign split in the Democratic vote.—Reu- years' service. The proposed and disease. This varies from two to Minister's conference in London.—

## WESTERN POWERS TO ACT QUICKLY IN GERMANY

BY JOHN HIGHTOWER

London, Dec. 18 .- Almost the last barriers to outright political and economic war between the western powers and Russia were swept away in the collapse of the Big Four Foreign Minister's conference on Germany.

tain and France may now be expected to move with speed Thus there may emerge in the and precision—probably early months ahead two German governnext year-to unify western ments, each speaking with voice of Germany and join its resources German nationalism as well as the with the Marshall Plan for re- sentiments of the power or powers construction of western Europe, supporting it. As far as Germany danger, of reviving The restraints on western policy nationalism and which existed before the failure here
—a failure that eliminated the last chance of Big Four unification of Germany—have ceased to be. The merger, which in the case of the British and American zones has been purely economic, may now become the Russians may follow the line. the basis for western German poli-tical administration as well. the Russians may follow the line of integrating their eastern zone into ical administration as well.

to be confirmed by the form of been creating through trade agreepolicy decisions of their govern- ments and assistance pacts. ments-have been known for weeks. sian propaganda to play up the It was against the consolidation of western Germany as well as for Germany, at least so far as the Russia's reparations claims that United States is concerned, most Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov probably will proceed in the imfought hardest at the conference.

Russia's Intentions intends to do. The Russians are is that through failure of the Allies capable of swift, decisive action, to agree now, Germany eventually and in the present crisis such action may be a more powerful state, more

is expected of them.

# DISORDERS IN ITALY

Rome, Dec. 17.—General strikes accompanied by some will carry out the United Nations disorder again swept several principal Italian centres and threatened others today.

Leftists ended a week-long occupation of the city hall of Pescara, Marshall and British Foreign Secrewhich they ruled by a "citizens' tary Bevin that some time, some-

to oust the partisans. general strike in Catania, Sicily, the task of Big Four diplomacy, Many were injured in scattered pending the time when conditions classes between crowds and police in are more suitable than they were

A general strike tied up Palermo. the east and west.

seat when Socialist Mayor Itale job at government behest. The Interior Department said it ordered him out when investigators discoverarrears," taxes uncollected, unauthorised spending in progress, and irregularities in distribution UNRRA goods.

In an initial test-of strength of pact with Rumania; signed on June Premier Alcide de Gasperi's reorganised government, the Assembly voted down a Communist motion to reverse the order dismissing

# TO MOSCOW

Moscow, Dec. ' 18.—Generalissimo Stalin has returned from his vacation, and persons who have seen him say that he looks well-tanned

Stalin will be 68 years old on spent his vacation on the Black Sea const at Sochi and other resorts. Marie de Pimentel Brandao, who was Brazilian Ambassador to Moscow franc. until leaving there last month, said in Stockholm on November 11 that Stalin's health was causing his doctors concern, and that they had ordered him to take things easy.-Associated Press.

#### **Draft Peace Treaty Postponed**

London, Dec. 17.-The Foreign

They were charged with this task when the "Big Four" collapsed on Monday. It is expected that by the time the deputies resume work on the treaty view and more information will be available on which they can work.--Reuter. 🔧

#### U.S. Coal Mines Stoppage

winter stoppage in U.S. conl mines Three cases of scarlet fever deve- the Quebec "amateur team" which

A dendlock has arison between Those exposed to the disease will If Mr Wallace is finally nominat- the employers and Mr John Lewis, be placed under surveillance by nulty would be \$1,200,-Reuter. seven days.-Associated Press.

The United States, Great Bri-Iwestern Germany, the Russians will

The plans and speculations of the economic-political system which western diplomats—which are yet their satellite states recently have Partitioning Of Germany

The practical partitioning of mediate future, on the theory that Germany eventually will be unified. It is not known what Russia The danger foreseen by the French

> faced here seemed impossible from bouts on falls. the first.

The lines of conflict already were adherence of the United States, in eight minutes 24 seconds. Britain and France to the Marshall stone, was watched by his wife. the Soviet Union to the plan made Reuter. the London failure almost a foregone conclusion.

#### Keep Talking

The nearest thing to positive achievement of the London meeting was the suggestion put forward by still connect Washington, London Authorities arrested leaders of a and Paris with Moscow, becomes for a general settlement between

partisans occupied the municipal of strength between the contending the Jake Lamotta-Billy Fox bout of forces-until the fate of the Mar- November 15 showed no evidence of Giovanucci refused to give up his shall Plan and Russian organisation Iraud, and he ordered the purses of eastern Europe are known.

> Soviet trade pact—and a kind of Madison Square Garden.—United the United States to war. general feeling that the issues can Press. be settled, short of war, are the tonly restraints that remain to reassure worried citizens of the world.-Associated Press.

## French Plan To Save Franc

Paris, Dec. 17.—A "forced loan" is reliably reported to be famong the measures which the French Government approved at the Cabinet meeting today Sunday. He is reported to have when the Ministers discussed the plan of the Finance Minister, M. Rene Mayer, to save the

> The policy underlying the Finance Minister's plan is that of restoring the free market in a maximum number of commodities and balancing the budget by increased taxation and big cuts in State expendi-

> Only 16 out 1,500 commodities would in future be controlled. These would include coal, steel and wheat. A heavy increase in taxation and sweeping cuts in Government expenditure will be necessary if the budget is to be balanced.

holding its second meeting on the Ice Hockey Association is making a Gibert and Sullivan: Abridged Version of plan. It will be officially announ- nationwide search for amateur fee The Gondollers' Sung by the Columbia plan. It will be officially announ- nationwide search for amateur ice Light Opera Company; 10, The Vienna ced in a speech by the Finance hockey players to represent Canada Philharmonic Orch. & Frederick Thurston ced in a speech by the Finance Minister to the National Assembly on Friday.—Reuter.

#### Scarlet Fever On Gen. Gordon

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—One thousand two hundred passengers

would be permitted to land tonight.



'Gee, my watch must be slow.

I see yours says almost 8.15.

## INDONESIANS REJECT DUTCH PROPOSALS

to Dutch suggestions for variations in the cease fire plan for Indonesia amounts to their rejection, reliable Republican sources here said today.

## WRESTLING MATCHES IN LONDON

London, Dec. 17.—Fred Oberinfluential in the affairs of Europe lander, 33-year-old Vienna-born Persons closely associated with than the Allies ever intended it company director, who held the British heavyweight wrestling western powers and Germany may unbeaten in this country, won tions. become more difficult as months and the heavyweight division of perhaps years go by. On the other London's wrestling champion-

laid down when they met. The minutes 39 seconds, and L. Pidduck

#### **DUTCHMAN WINS**

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—The Dutch middleweight champion, Luc Van Dam, won a ten-round contest on points against a Frenchman. Robert Charron, here tonight. A crowd of 3,000 spectators saw

the Dutchman's superior technique gain a well carned victory. He floored the Frenchman in the second round for a short count. The Frenchman's attacks were constantly checked by the accurate counter-punching of Van Dam .-

### NO FRAUD

Reuter.

New York, Dec. 17.-Edward Eagan, chairman of the New York capital of Sicily.

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#### SHANNON NOMINATED

Miami, Dec. 17.—Shannon, Australian thoroughbred sprinter and handicap champion, was nominated today for the McLennan and Widener Stakes at Hialcah race course here this winter. . Shannon arrived in California last

month, where he is training also for the Santa Anita Stakes. He is regarded as the greatest horse to come from Australia since the ill-fated Pharlap in 1933,-United Press.

### RUGBY RESULTS

London, Dec. 17,-Results o Rugby Union games played yesterday were as follows: Royal Marines, 3 Aldershot 10. Ulster 26, Army 13.—Reuter.

#### FRENCH RUGGERITES

Paris, Dec. 17.—The French Rugby TO-DAY'S BROADCAST XV to meet Scotland at Colombes Stadium, Paris, on January 1 was H.K.T. announced today as follows: Back - Rouffla; Threequartersfrom Jeanjean, Pomathios, Sorondo, Home News; 7.15, B.B.C. Transcription and Terreau; Halves-Junguas

## and Martin.—Router.

at the winter Olympics.

This followed the heavy defeat for the Royal Canadian Air Force team which had been chosen to represent Canada, but the airmen last night took their second defeat Programme which can be heard in in succession when a mediocre army side won 6-2. It then announced that the Olympic team would be from books." "Biography." A talk about "considerably, bolstered" before the first Duke of Wellington; 10.15—Elton the first Duke of Wellington; 10.15—Elton "considerably "bolstered" before leaving for Switzerland.

The difficulty is to find players from the Orient have been placed who were unpaid for their services, under "temporary quarantine" on and one joking suggestion is that board the liner General Gordon, the Olympic committee should sign | —Reuter.

#### Molotov In Moscow

Moscow, Dec. 17,-M. Vyncheslav.

Batavia, Dec. 17.—The Indonesian Republicans' reply

#### The Republican special committee at the cease fire negotiations said it preferred to stand by its decision to accept uncon- GERMANTOWN ditionally the original proposals of the United Nations good offices mediating committee, believing them to be just and practicable, these sources said.

The Dutch suggestions for variations from the original proposals paper, Rheinische Zeitung. were given recently in a published statement by Jonkheer Van Vreden-

They asked for an immediate "cease fire" on present fighting hand, the task the Foreign Ministers ships tonight, winning both his fronts, evacuation of the Republican army from the pockets of resistance He beat K. Richmond in two behind the Dutch lines, and the implementation of agreed points for a cense fire.

> A Republican statement answering the suggestions said the Republic was not yet prepared to desert supporters in resistance pockets and asked for a military standstill throughout Indonesia.

> The Dutch Prime Minister, Dr Louis Beel, who is visiting Indonesia, will probably leave tomorrow for Macassar, East Indonesian capital on the island of Celebes, it was officially learned here today. He will confer with the new East Indonesian Government on agreements for co-operation with the Netherlands Government.-Reuter.

## Wallace Blasts U.S. Policy

Vice-President Henry Wallace against French towns in order to policy," and said it would lead ing of open towns during the Polish

In an address delivered at a "Progressive Citizens of America" rally here, Wallace described the present United States foreign policy as "typically reactionary" and

He said: "We are gaining only momentary lip service from hungry peoples who will not ally themselves with reaction when the chips are really down."

Meanwhile in New York, the Executive Committee of the Progressive Citizens of America announced it voted overwhelmingly for Mr Wallace to run for President as an independent candidate. The Committee declared Wallace must for President because "millions of Americans will stay away from the polls if they are confronted with two brands of reaction. These millions of Americans must not be disenfranchised."-United Press.

6. Studio: "Jazz Journal" Presented by Philip Burn; 6.30, Studio: La Demi-Heure Francaise: 7, London Relay: World and Service: "Itma" with Tommy Handley; (fly) and Bergougnan ture Parade" No. 3. A Magazine pro-(scrum); Forwards-Prat, Basquet, gramme on Films and Film Production; Mathew, Soro, Moga, Buzy, Caron 8.15 Studio: Religious Talk by the Rev. G Hatt Lipscomb. S.C.F.: 8.30, Studio: That Reminds Me" by Nicki Lorraine; p. London Relay: News; 'D.10, Weather Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Canadian Presented by Reinaldo Oblitas: 0.23. (Clarinet); 10.30, Tunes of Not-Bo-Long-Ago (For Dancing); 11, Close down.

#### BBC PROGRAMME Transmission of the General Oversons

Hongkong this evening: GMT 10.00, Cultural talk, "Pleasure Hayes. He sincs to a small guitar; 10.30. -blusic while you work; 11.00,-The news; 11.10,-Home news from Britain; 11.15.—Paul Adam and his Mayfair music: 11.45.—Stranger than fiction, Four against the Navy; 12.00 From to-day's papers; 12.10 Intertude; 12.15 Accordeon club; 12.45,-"Starlight" Christopher Stone this week invites "Hutch" to talk with him and to sing for you; 13.00. -The news: 13.10,-Programme announcements; 13.15,-The six stones. A play by Michael Davies: 13.45,-Experiment in freedom; 14.00 -- Radio newsreel; 14.15. British Concert Hall. Conducted it adds a joint with each succeedand presented by Reginald Jacques, Jacand presented by Reginald Jacques, Jacing moult, the older joints gradually
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## Senators Will Ask For Wedemeyer's Report

Washington, Dec. 17 .- Senate investigators plan to ask Lt-Gen Albert C. Wedemeyer point-blank for a look at his long suppressed report on China, but they are frankly pessimistic over the chances of getting it.

the Senate Appropriations Committee would ask first for a copy of the report which has been labelled "top secret" by the United States Ambassador to Russia: State Department. If the Gen- and France, eral refuses, Sen. Bridges said he would then ask for Gen. Wedemeyer's opinion of China's mile, six-week tour last summer to problems.

Gen. Wedemeyer, who is now Chief of the Army General Staffs Planning and Operations Division ir said to have prepared in advance of the hearing a statement of views on the Far East.

The Committee is seeking justification for relief funds for China, which is included in the \$597,000,-000 foreign aid bill approved by

## NAZI PLANES BLITZED

carried out by German planes, programme?" and their target was a German town, according to the Cologne sional disapproval of State Depart-

The date of the attack was May Bridges and other Senators have 10, 1940, when the German armles maintained that the Administration American Secretary of State should receive the The problems of unifying Ger-Western powers begin to unify many through joint action of the western powers begin to unify many through joint action of the unbeaten in this country. Won the country weight witching burgh, chairman of the Dutch special began their advance into Belgium seeks to block the spread of Committee to the cease fire negotiation. Feathurg in the District Committee with the Running and the Ru the French frontier. Flfty-seven Chiang's government into a coallpeople were killed. Nazi propaganda used the attack as forces.—United Press. an excuse for subsequent blitzes on

> hundreds of Dutch. Belgian and French towns. At that time, the British radio announced that no British or French planes had been near Freiburg at the time of the attack.

The Rheinische Zeitung bases its revelations on a statement made by former concentration camp General Halder had told her in the camp that German planes had made the attack, in which 11 children lost their lives.

Other reports say that Halder, former Chief of the Army General Love made them hate each other! Command and now held in a civilian internment camp near Mar- | Bette burg, had made the statement alleging that the counter-espionage chief Admiral Canaris, had told him the facts of the case.

Official Statement Halder's allegations caused the town authorities in Freiburg to make a close investigation of the circumstances and the Government of Baden has issued a statement, declaring: "At the beginning of the war in the west, Hitler wished to Rochester, Dec. 17.—Former launch a series of terror attacks shock France into surrender. "He felt, however, that this might

himself had denounced the bombcampaign in the previous year. "To free himself of the accusation that he was breaking his word. he had to make it look as if the

enemy had taken the first step. "For this purpose, Freiburg seemed particularly well placed, since It lies near the French frontier, so that if the trick were not successful, it would be possible to plend that there had been a mistake."-

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#### CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. Between two dangers, neither of which can be avoided. 2. The sum of the square on the other two sides of the right triangle. 3. No, although'

Chairman Styles Bridges said both the House and Senate carller.

Wedemeyer's Criticism Gen. Wedemeyer made a 30,000study conditions in China and Korea. Before leaving Nanking he issued'

a statement accusing Chiang Kal-

shek's government of corruption and

emphasising that mere "promises will no longer suffice." He submitted his report to the State Department on September 18, and the Department refused to release it even to Congress on the ground that the General obtained some of his information confidentially and it would be "harmful" if

made nublic. Sen. Bridges hinted that the Committee would cut the appropriation for the recently authorised emergency relief bill by perhaps \$60,000,000 if the State Department'. is not ready with details of the-China programme.

#### Congress Disapproves

Sen. Bridges said: "I am not going Col 1e, Dec. 17.—The first to hold the bag for this thing. Do blitz g' of an open town in they want a China programme or the w in the west in 1940 was don't they? If they do, what is the

The hearing promises to bring to a head, the oft-expressed Congresment policy in the Far East. Sen. tion with the Chinese Communist

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